

Patoka Lake Visitor Center

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WELCOME TO PATOKA LAKE - Indiana's largest state operated property!

Patoka Lake Interpretive Services presents a variety of natural & cultural history programs and special events throughout the year. Take a close-up look at amazing animals! Join the naturalist for a hike! Experience craft demonstrations, music presentations, kids' activities, and much more! Ask one of the friendly staff for more information. Open daily 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time
Visit our website: www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/

August 2008 Activities

**ALL PROGRAMS ARE ON
EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME**

Friday, August 1st

- 9a.m. **Roving Interpreter** ~ A special guest from nature will be featured as the naturalist travels around the Modern and Fisherman's campgrounds. Fur, feathers, fins or fangs? Keep looking for the naturalist!
- 10a.m. **Bald Eagles of Indiana** ~ Where do the wild eagles live? What do they eat? Enjoy a close-up look at resident raptor, BALD EAGLE C52 as we answer these questions and more. **vc**
- 1p.m. **Bug BINGO** ~ Insects or Bugs? With this old favorite game and a nature twist, enjoy an activity for all ages. **vc**

Saturday, August 2nd

- 10a.m. **Dam Tower Tour** ~ Travel by car caravan to the Patoka U. S. Army Corps of Engineers dam for a tower tour and water safety program. Learn the fascinating facts of flood control and reservoir management. **vc**

Sunday, August 3rd

- 10a.m. – 3p.m. **Bald Eagle C52 & Barred Owl** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**
- 8a.m. **Narrows Hike** ~ Join in a short hike and delight in the stories from the past as we share the memoirs of Mr. Fred Dillard. What is a maple syrup tap? Why is this old road called the "Narrys" or "Narrows". **vc**
- 11a.m. **Raptors of Patoka** ~ What is a raptor? Where do they live? Learn amazing facts about these wild raptors. **vc**
- 2p.m. **Hoosier Quest (Old Patch Program)** ~ Learn about the NEW Parks and Reservoirs Patch Program. Begin the adventure. Earn points and enjoy visiting your public properties. **vc**

Wednesday, August 6th, Opening Day at the State Fair
Patoka Naturalists along with Bald Eagle C52, Redtail Hawk and Barred Owl will be featured at 5:30p.m. at the DNR ampitheater at the Indiana State Fair in Indianapolis. Be sure to visit the Indiana Department of Natural Resources area for the kids fishing pond, special programs, presentations, displays and features sure to delight everyone. Shop the DNR Mercantile for unique gifts items. Hope to see you at the Indiana State Fair!

Friday, August 8th

- 1p.m. **Friday Nature Flicks** ~ With snacks provided by the naturalist, enjoy an indoor matinee for all ages. Join in the cool summer fun at Patoka! **vc**

Saturday August 9th

- 10a.m. – 3p.m. **Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**



STAR PARTY 2008

Saturday, August 2nd

Families! Friends! Folks of All Ages!
Delight in the sights of the night sky as
Astronomical Societies from around the area
share their knowledge of the universe and
wonders beyond Mother Earth.

Patoka Visitor Center

1-4p.m. Record -Breaking Places in the Universe & MORE!
Hourly programs indoors with featured subjects from our solar system including the tallest mountain known, the most distant object observed, the largest star and more. **vc**

Patoka Visitor Center & Beach

1-4p.m. Solar Observation with special telescopes

Patoka Beach

1-4p.m. & 6-8:30p.m. Activities for ALL Ages!
Look for the tent and join in the activities & crafts. With supplies provided, make Plansiphers and bead bracelets relating to astronomy.

9:30p.m. Tech-Talk

Astronomical Society members share information on types of telescopes, using field glasses or binoculars for night viewing and how to get started building your own telescope.

9:30p.m. until dawn Observations OUT THERE!

With 20-30 telescopes, you will have an opportunity to view star clusters, nebulae, galaxies and much more! Enjoy a special musical presentation at dusk sure to dazzle all.

Bring lawn chairs, insect repellent, blankets and red lights.

Join us for an exciting afternoon & evening!

The regular \$5 per vehicle (\$7 out of state) gate fee will apply.

See you there!

BALD EAGLE C52 & REDTAIL HAWK

In addition to the regularly scheduled programs, C52 & Redtail Hawk will be in the Visitor Center backyard viewing area on
August 1st, 5th, 15th, 27th, 28th, & 29th

Stop by the Visitor Center
for your information packet of raptor flight
identification, eagle fact sheet and a map of eagle
viewing areas around Patoka!

For more information regarding donating to the care of the Patoka resident raptors, please call (812)685-2447 or check out the DNR webpage:**www.in.gov/dnr/c52**

Smokey Bear's Birthday Party

Saturday, August 9th
10a.m. - 12p.m.
Patoka Lake Visitor Center



“Only you can PREVENT wildfires!”

Children of all ages!
Bring your family and friends!
Meet the Birthday Bear.
Special demonstrations by local volunteer firefighters!
Bring your camera and have your
picture taken with Smokey!

Sunday August 10th

- 10a.m. – 3p.m. **Bald Eagle C52 and Redtail Hawk** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**
- 9a.m. **Animal BINGO** ~ Join the naturalist with this old favorite game and a nature twist. Fun for all ages. **ccs**
- 1p.m. **Why RESERVOIRS?** ~ Enjoy a presentation by special guest Steve Hall, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, about the construction of the Patoka dam and why the reservoir was built for flood control and drinking water. Hear tips for water safety. **vc**
- 2p.m. **Hoosier Quest (Old Patch Program)** ~ Learn about the NEW Parks and Reservoirs Patch Program. Begin the adventure. Earn points and enjoy visiting your public properties. **vc**

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Friday, August 15th

- 1pm. **Friday Nature Flicks** ~ With snacks provided by the naturalist, enjoy an indoor matinee for all ages. Join in the cool summer fun at Patoka! **vc**

Saturday, August 16th

- 10a.m. – 3p.m. **Bald Eagle C52 and Redtail Hawk** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**
- 10a.m. **Dam Tower Tour** ~ Travel by car caravan to the Patoka U. S. Army Corps of Engineers dam for a tower tour and water safety program. Learn the fascinating facts of flood control and reservoir management. **vc**
- 1pm. **Nature Flicks** ~ With snacks provided by the naturalist, enjoy an indoor matinee for all ages. Join in the cool summer fun at Patoka! **vc**
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Sunday, August 17th

- 10a.m. – 3p.m. **Bald Eagle C52 and Redtail Hawk** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**
- 1p.m. **Raptors of Patoka** ~ What is a raptor? Where do they live? Learn amazing facts about these wild raptors. **vc**
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Friday, August 22nd

- 1pm. **Friday Nature Flicks** ~ With snacks provided by the naturalist, enjoy an indoor matinee for all ages. Join in the cool summer fun at Patoka! **vc**

Saturday, August 23rd

- 1p.m. **Canoe/Kayak Adventure** ~ Bring your canoe or kayak (canoes available while supply lasts) and join the naturalist as we look for the wildlife of Patoka. We will meet at the Visitor Center and car caravan to Little Patoka boat ramp for this afternoon adventure. **vc**
- 9:30p.m. **Night Hike** ~ Let’s explore how nocturnal creatures use their five senses to survive in their environment. Meet at the modern campgrounds center shelterhouse. **ccs**

Sunday, August 24th

- 9a.m. **Roving Interpreter** ~ Visit with the naturalist and a special guest at a campsite near you. Ask about the NEW Hoosier Quest Program. Begin the adventure.
- 1p.m. **Why RESERVOIRS?** ~ Enjoy a presentation by special guest Steve Hall, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, about the construction of the Patoka dam and why the reservoir was built for flood control and drinking water. Hear tips for water safety. **vc**
- 2p.m. **Hoosier Quest (Old Patch Program)** ~ Learn about the NEW Parks and Reservoirs Patch Program. Begin the adventure. Earn points and enjoy visiting your public properties. **vc**

Friday, August 29th

- 1pm. **Friday Nature Flicks** ~ With snacks provided by the naturalist, enjoy an indoor matinee for all ages. Join in the cool summer fun at Patoka! **vc**

Saturday, August 30th

- 10a.m. – 3p.m. **Bald Eagle C52 and Redtail Hawk** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**
- 10a.m. **Dam Tower Tour** ~ Travel by car caravan to the Patoka U. S. Army Corps of Engineers dam for a tower tour and water safety program. Learn the fascinating facts of flood control and reservoir management. **vc**
- 2p.m. **Creature Feature** ~ Fur, feathers, fins or fangs? What special features does our special guest have today? Check it out with trivia and a close-up look at an amazing wild creature. **vc**



Sunday, August 31st

- 10a.m. **Whooo Lives at the Patoka Lake Visitor Center?** ~ Come and meet one of the “silent hunters of the woods”.
- 2p.m. **Hoosier Quest (Old Patch Program)** ~ Learn about the NEW Parks and Reservoirs Patch Program. Begin the adventure. Earn points and enjoy visiting your public properties. **vc**

COMING to Patoka!

Sept. 6th- DNR Healthy Parks / Healthy People
Date TBA-“Wheelin’ in the Fish”
Oct. 10th & 11th - Autumn Getaway

KEY for Program Locations:

vc-Visitor Center
b-Beach
ccs-Modern Campgrounds Center Shelterhouse